(*d*) what is the maximum period allowed to Magistrates for the disposal of First Class cases;

(*e*) if the proceedings in sub-division (*a*) are signed on behalf of the Government by any other than the Secretary to Government, the name and designation of the authority that has signed the same?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):*

(*a*) Government issued a Proceedings pointing out the necessity for a speedy disposal of criminal cases in general. The case then pending against Mr. P. K. Krishnan was pointed out as an instance of delay in the said Proceedings when Government's attention was drawn to the said case by a petition submitted by Mr. P. K. Krishnan.

(*b*) On 2nd Chingam 1119.

(*c*) Calendared on 23rd Kanni 1119 and disposed of on 14th Meenam 1119.

(*d*) Not fixed.

(*e*) Mr. T. R. Velunny, Assistant Secretary to Government.

TOLL ON VALLOMS

261. Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin Christians-Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the rate fixed for the toll on "Valloms" which pass through Mattancheri bridge and the Ernakulam bridge which connect Willingdon Island;

(*b*) what is the total amount received in 1118 and 1119?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) No toll is collected from valloms which pass through the Ernakulam and Mattancheri bridge.

(*b*) The question does not arise.

Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin Christians-Mattancheri):* How many constables are posted there?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I want notice.

Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin Christians-Mattancheri):* For what purpose they are posted there?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* For the purpose of security of the bridge.

Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin Christians-Mattancheri):* Then why are the boats detained there for inspection?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* As a precautionary measure.

Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin Christians-Mattancheri):* What precaution?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* We cannot disclose any further information.

Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin Christians-Mattancheri):* May I know whether the Government has investigated and found that a regular fee is collected from each vallom that passes through.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Government have no information.

Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin Christians-Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to investigate the matter.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* No complaint has so far been received by the Government.

MULLURKAYAL SCHEME—KOLE OWNERS—CONTRIBUTION OF

262. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the owners or cultivators of the Kole lands benefitted by the Mullurkayal Scheme are required to contribute any, and if so, what amounts towards the cost of compensation and pumping met by the Government;

(*b*) what is the amount realised in 1118 and 1119 M.E.?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) Yes. The whole amount spent by the Government is proposed to be recovered from the Kole owners as water cess in 1119.

(*b*) In view of the heavy loss sustained by the Kole owners due to the early cyclonic rains in 1118, the water cess due from the owners was waived. The amount for 1119 will be recovered soon.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnthukavu):* May I know what amount was actually spent in the year 1118?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I want notice.

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